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Lead contamination in Saint Leo facilities

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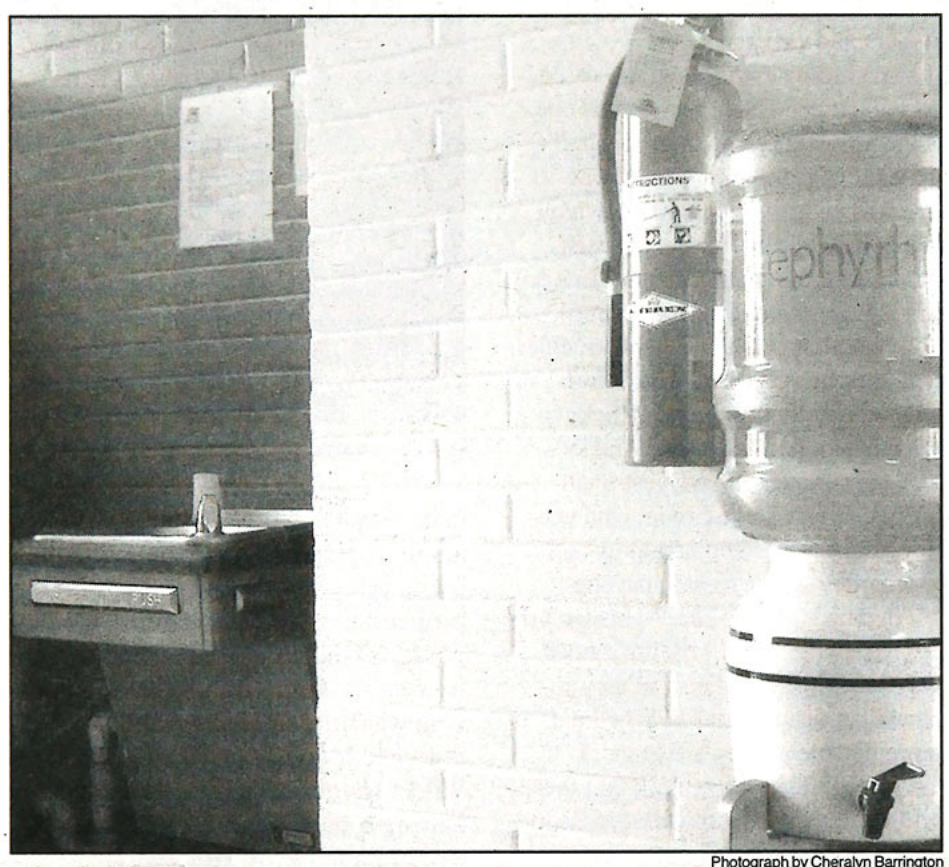
Why have the water fountains in Crawford and St. Edward's Hall been replaced by five-gallon water jugs?

The pipes in these buildings and also the Abbey exceeded the lead action level that is designated and monitored by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In other words, the water in these buildings may not be safe to drink without treatment.

"Two samples exceeded the action level, and also exceeded the 90th Percentile Limit. The 90th Percentile definition is as follows: The lead action level is exceeded if the concentration of lead is more than 10 percent of tap water samples collected, and is greater than 0.015 milligrams (mg). The two samples taken at the University were at Crawford Hall 0.028 mg and Saint Edwards 0.035 mg. Public Notice/ Education was required to notify all of the users of St. Leo University's water. They are currently under increased monitoring," said Ana Gibbs, the external affairs manager at the EPA.

Lead enters a plumbing system because water chemically reacts with it, resulting in corrosion. The levels of lead contamination vary based on the amount of minerals in the water, and how long the water has been in the pipe. As soon as Saint Leo was notified of the lead contamination, they took steps toward cleaning the water. First, Saint Leo contacted Zephyrhills



Photograph by Cheralyn Barrington
A five-gallon jug near a turned-off water fountain in Crawford Hall.

bottling company for a temporary rental agreement until the necessary tests were performed in both buildings.

"The University has placed filters on the drinking fountains to reduce lead, had the water retested, and the water is well below the allowed limits," said Frank Mezzanini, the vice president of Business Affairs.

Though flushing pipes and leaving a solution in the pipes is a typical cleaning method, this is not an advisable way to fix lead pipes because both actions assist in corrosion. Gerald Foster of the EPA suggested that shells could be inserted in the pipes so the water would not contact the lead surface. Saint Leo officials are not aware that lead pipes were even used in the buildings concerned.

"The use of lead in buildings was outlawed years ago, but Crawford and Saint Edward's were constructed before the ban on lead was put into place," said Mezzanini.

The EPA recommends that students in any university let their water run until the temperature changes to ensure that the water to be used has not been sitting. It is also advised to not use water that has been sitting in the system for more than six hours. Exposure to lead is not only toxic, but it may stunt physical and mental development as well. Hot water is more prone to corroding lead pipes, so the EPA recommends using cold water for drinking and cooking. Babies and pregnant women are especially vulnerable to the effects of lead, so avoid using hot water when mixing an infant formula. A common mistake people make is boiling water to remove lead content, but that does not change it. Running cold tap water is the safest way to go.

According to dcwasa.com , the (Washington) DC Water and Sewer Authority, on March 24, 2004, "The Brita Products Company is donating 10,000 water filtration pitchers for distribution to district families with children under age six and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding who live in areas with lead service lines."

The filters recently installed in Crawford and St. Edward's Hall, like Brita filters, can remove 98% of the lead in tap water. The EPA recommends faucet and pitcher filters certified by NSF International for removing lead. Washington D.C. distributed 10,000 Brita pitchers which are products that usually run at $10 each. If the issue of lead contamination influenced our nation's capital to such preventive measures, it must be an important issue. Saint Leo will have to wait to use the water fountains until the EPA confirms they are safe. Until then, Saint Leo will use five-gallon jugs in concerned areas.

Crime Highlights Campus safety

BY DANA JENNINGS
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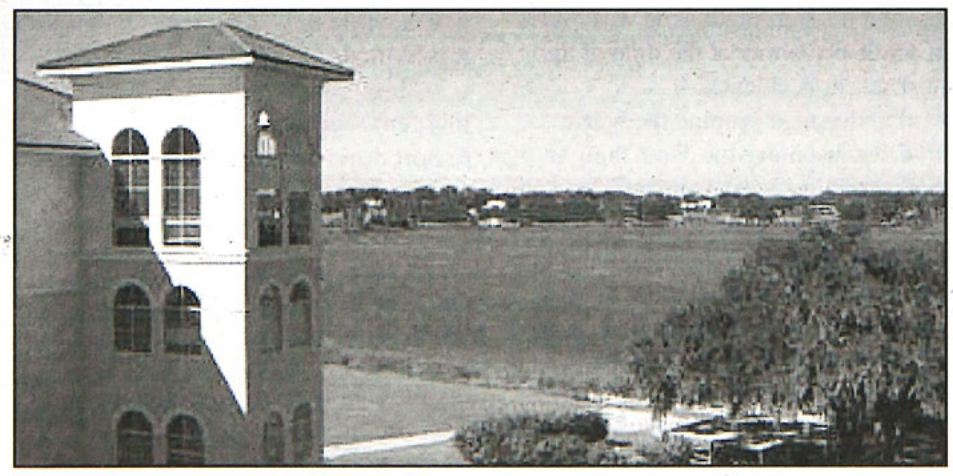
At Saint Leo University, safety is something that most students take for granted and believe is inherent at such a close-knit campus. A recent threat that is still being investigated at the time of this article's writing show that the Saint Leo community is not removed from danger and violence.

Students cannot be overly cautious, as the campus is only 35 miles from downtown Tampa, which is a metropolis that has a melting pot of cultures and comes with the requisite crimes attributed to big cities.

Robert Sullivan, executive director for Campus Safety at Saint Leo University, said, "We are concerned for the safety of the



students." But he added, "The response was phenomenal. The communication between student witnesses, security and the Pasco County Pasco County Sheriffs Office was great. To have the suspects in custody an hour and a half later is rare."

The school wasn't locked down, but if the threat had remained on campus, it would have been. ConnectEd is the mass notification that Saint Leo University uses to notify the students of a threat on campus, with messages interrupting the TVs across campus, even laptops being interrupted with the message and students will receive text messages informing them of the situation and possibly a description of the vehicle or suspicious persons.

When parents and students have expressed concern regarding the dissemination of information and lack of implementing the lockdown procedure, Sullivan responded by saying, "What is most important is the safety of the students. We had visually verified with certainty that the threat had left campus, and with the Pasco County Sheriffs Office we placed a perimeter to ensure that it did not return. At that point we had gathering statements from witnesses and the victim and keeping the threat off-campus as a concern."

Even with this, the Public Relations Office of Saint Leo University put a press release out

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Opinions

She said what???
Sea World Orlando: come see a killer whale kill

BY KATIE GAISER
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A killer whale has struck again, killing long time Orlando Sea World trainer Dawn Brancheau, 40, who built a 10 year training relationship with the animals.

According to Fox News, most of the trainers in this facility were not supposed to get into the water with TIlikum, a massive killer whale who has caused human fatalities in the past. In fact, Brancheau was one of the few trainers in the entire facility who worked with Tilikum and had years of experience with the animal.

I guess the whale didn't quite understand they were "BFFs" when he yanked her into the water.

And why would the whale understand? These animals are wild, deadly creatures that have instincts to kill. How can any professional expect a wild animal to behave on point, every time?

Well this time, things went wrong.

According to Fox News, Brancheau was petting the 12,000 pound animal after a show when the whale jumped out of the water, grabbed the trainer, and pulled her into the tank. Tourists in the Shamu Stadium observed this event and stated they saw the whale thrashing the trainer about until she ultimately drowned.

This just proves my point that huge, 12,000 pound animals should not be trained for amusement, because deaths can result. And Brancheau's death is just the most recent in a sequence of deaths involving experienced wild life trainers and experts.

According to the telegraph.uk.co, in October 2009, safari guide and one of the most experienced people in the elephant world, Anton Turner, was killed when he was charged down by an elephant during filming of a BBC children's program in Tanzania. In April 2008, American animal trainer and Hollywood stunt double, Stephan Miller, died after he was mauled by a five-year old grizzly bear named Rocky in San Bernardino, California. And let's not forget about beloved Australian wildlife expert Steve Erwin, who was killed back in 2006 by a stingray barb which pierced him right in the chest.

Seeing a pattern here? This isn't the first best in the world, wildlife trainer who was killed by an animal they so expertly trained. These events are as unpredictable as they are tragic. I completely respect the work that these wildlife trainers and experts choose to do, but is the chance for death really worth it?

And large, wild animals are not the only ones that can unexpectedly attack humans, trained or untrained. Just a few days after this past Christmas in New Port Richey, Florida, 20 month old Dallas Walters was mauled to death by a family dog after they both went for a cookie he dropped on the floor. This terrifying accident reminds us that even the most domesticated animals can cause real harm.

Now, there is much debate as to what should happen to the killer whale. After all, this isn't the whale's first human kill and I'm a bit outraged that this repeat offender was even performing in shows before Brancheau's death. Tilikum is also responsible for two other deaths in the past and it's startling that he was even an active performer at the time of this most recent accident.

I understand keeping the whale alive, but just move the damn thing to another facility, away from humans, out of the training circuit. What's the point in having a dangerous whale around that even the few who can handle it are at risk of being harmed? More than likely, he will kill again.

I guess sometimes the trainers are more appealing than the fish. And that's what she said.

Get it right: it's an orca, not a "killer" whale
An animal attacked... "surprise?"

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
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A "killer whale" did not kill its trainer; the truth is a stressed orca followed his instincts. Everyone continually claims that a "killer" whale killed again to sensationalize the sad truth behind this incident. However, the proper name for this beautiful and powerful mammal is, say it with me now, orca. Tlikum, a six ton orca who was born into captivity, drowned long time Orlando Sea World trainer Dawn Brancheau. During a performance the overworked and easily stressed orca reached his breaking point and dragged Brancheau into the tank with him. Tlikum was reportedly just trying to play with the trainer. He did not truly try to maliciously murder her as some media agencies suggest.

Tlikum has caused fatalities in the past. In fact, there were only select trainers who were able to work with him, and Brancheau was one of them. This trainer was well aware of Tlikum's past and his temperament and yet she took the risk. Obviously, Brancheau thought there was something worth while in this animal.

This incident seems to boil down to one question: should animals be trained?

Any time a living being, whether it is human or animal, invades another living being's domain the outcome will be risky.

Whether animals are "domesticated" and trained or not, deaths will result from animal attacks. Take Steve Erwin as an example. An *Animal Planet* favorite, Erwin was constantly engaging with wildlife as well as trained animals. However asexperienced asErwin was, he was killed in 2006 by a stingray. Was the stingray a show animal? No. Did Erwin die? Yes. Did people argue whether or not to swim in the ocean afterwards? No. Whether you train animals or not deaths will result from animal attacks.

I guess people should not have house hold animals anymore based on this logic. How come there is not a swarm of people demanding that every home in the world who owns a dog is a dangerous and wrong environment? Every time you turn on the news is there a report of an animal attack? I didn't think so. Accidents happen, but remember people can be just as dangerous to animals.

Yes, animals can be unpredictable, but so can people. There are attacks on animals by people daily. Ever heard of a dog or cock fight?

The domestication and training of animals foster relationships that people would not have with nature otherwise. Because of the one-on-one interaction the public has with trained animals and other wildlife at places such as *SeaWorld* there is a stronger appreciation for nature and its inhabitants.

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Four quakes in two months - Is God trying to tell us something?

BY JESS O'KEEFE
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During the fall semester alone there have been four significant earthquakes, three of them occurring in the last month alone.

The first of these is the 7.0 earthquake that shook Haiti in the beginning of January, sadly killing 200,000 people. Then Japan, on February 26 was hit with a 7.0 magnitude quake near Japan. The day after an 8.8 quake hit Chile, and then to top it all off, Taiwan is hit with a quake of 6.6.

To figure out this sudden boost in earthquakes, one must understand what an earthquake is. Think back to science class in middle school, and the lesson plan on tectonic plates. Webster dictionary defines an earthquake as shaking or trembling of the earth that accompanies mountain building or other crustal movements including those caused by deposition of heavy loads of sediment on the sea bottom. The action of an earthquake itself is caused by the sudden slip on a fault. The slip then causes radiated seismic energy, magmatic activity, or other sudden stress changes in the earth.

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Center of Port au Prince after the earthquake in 2010.

So, what do all these earthquakes mean? And are any connected? USA TODAY Geophysicist Paul Caruso said, "No, not that we can see, we've had quite a few quakes in the past two months, but not more than average."

What has made the recent earthquakes newsworthy is that the earthquakes have hit near populated areas, said Caruso. Another 6.4 quake following the larger quakes rattled the tiny Pacific island nation of Vanuatu, but no injuries have been reported.

Caruso said the three recent Pacific quakes are all related to the so-called "ring of fire," a seismically active region that surrounds the ocean. However, the distances between the quakes are far too great for there to be any relationship between them, with the recent earthquakes devastating Haiti, Chile, and Japan. Surprisingly, geological survey proves that several million earthquakes globally occur all the time. Because their magnitudes are so small and location usually remote, they go undetected.

Although these quakes have destroyed cities and caused tremendous damage on a local level and economic issues on a global level, perhaps an interesting result from the recent activity is how they have affected the length in a day.

According to gizmodo.com, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said that days will now be shorter because the quake shifted Earth's axis by three inches. The change—which can only be measured thanks to computer models—will result in days that are 1.26 microseconds shorter than before. That's 0.00000126 seconds shorter.

There may have been more visible changes, like islands changing position. One of them, Santa María, may have raised two meters after the shattering land move.

So what does the future hold? Any more quakes for planet Earth, hopefully not!

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through emails to students, parents, and alumni approximately 20 minutes after the initial report.

Sullivan had two security officers sight the vehicle leaving residence halls and he personally visually spotted the vehicle and passenger exiting campus, allowing him to get the license tag number and a suspect description. The Pasco County Sheriffs Office was on scene in two and a half minutes.

It is always important for students to take certain steps to make themselves safer, and at college is no different than anywhere else. This recent incident occurred at 2:01 p.m., in broad daylight and with all eyes upon it. Not all crimes are so straightforward. Some students come and go with little regard to who is around them, often at all hours of the night, either after long study hours or a gathering at a friend's room. These are times where vigilance is difficult and tiresome, but in the end it pays off. Students should be watchful and careful, but it seems that the incident was handled quickly and effectively. If students see anything suspicious, they are advised to inform campus safety at (352) 588-8432.

Sullivan said that recently installed surveillance cameras were vital in recording the vehicle from its leaving the residence hall parking lot all the way until its departure from the main campus exit. Along with these new cameras, Sullivan stated that he wants to add on to the already thorough ConnectEd system, by installing an audio alert siren that would be audible from all corners of the campus, and would signify a threat and inform students to take refuge.

A short interview with Nicole Parisi, on the Bone Marrow Donor Drive

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Sophomore, Nicolé Parisi is organizing a bone marrow drive to help Jackson, a little boy from Tampa, who was forced to spend his 1st birthday in the hospital. Jackson has a rare disease with his immune system called CGD. He is on 8 different medications a day which he needs to take through a feeding tube. Jackson's only chance at a cure for this disease is a bone marrow transplant. Unfortunately, he does not have any perfect matches, which is why Parisi is organizing a bone marrow drive, for Tuesday, March 9, 2010, from 12:00-7:00 PM, near the cafeteria.

Q| Why do you want to do this drive?

It's so sad how many people out there need bone marrow transplants. These people have families; I couldn't imagine the pain that their families would go through if they lost their loved one because they didn't receive a bone marrow transplant. The patients themselves are in so much physical pain as well, and in many cases a bone marrow transplant is their only cure. I just want to help people and make others happy and I think it would be an amazing thing to do to help save a life! It is also important to educate people that donating bone marrow is not the most painful thing in the world, and that you would literally be saving a life if they were a match and donated bone marrow.

Q| I understand there are two different ways a person can donate bone marrow, what are they?

Peripheral Blood Stem Cell (PBSC) and Bone Marrow Extraction

Q| How is donating bone Marrow different from donating blood?

Well, if you are donating bone marrow through Peripheral Blood Stem Cell (PBSC)
Cells are collected via the bloodstream. On the day of collection the donor's blood is then removed from one arm and passed through a machine that separates out the blood stem cells. The remaining blood is returned to the donor through the other arm. To increase the number of stem cells in the bloodstream, donors receive daily injections of a synthetic protein called filgrastim for 4 days before the collection. So, I guess the main difference is that you will receive this injection prior. This will also be a longer process then simply donating blood, it will take a few hours compared to a few minutes.

The other smaller percentage of the way to donate bone marrow is through bone marrow extraction. Marrow cells are collected from the backside of the pelvic bone using a special syringe. Prior to having this outpatient surgical procedure, donors receive local or general anesthesia so no pain is experienced during the marrow extraction. This is a 1-2 hour, outpatient, and surgical procedure. The donor is discharged from the hospital at the end of the day.

Q| Are there risks involved?

Peripheral Blood Stem Cell (PBSC)
Possible side effects and recovery:
Most donors experience headaches, or bone or muscle aches several days before the collection. This is a side effect of the filgrastim injections. The achiness subsides shortly after the collection.

Possible side effects and recovery:
Donors can expect to feel discomfort in their lower back and may experience side effects from the anesthesia, such as nausea, sore throat or light headedness. The marrow completely regenerates within a few weeks.

Q| Is there a specific type of person that would make a good candidate to be a donor?

Really, anyone in good general health who is between the ages of 18-55. It is perfect to have a bone marrow drive on campus because people our age are at their healthiest! However, there is a severe shortage of minorities in the national bone marrow registry. For example, I think a minority has only a 17% chance of receiving a bone marrow donation simply because they cannot find a match.

Q| What is some information a prospective donor should be aware of?

This is a way that you can literally save a life while still being alive!

It would be such a wonderful experience to look back on life and be able to say, wow this person would not have lived if it wasn't for me. Donor's never have to pay any expenses involved with the donation process. The patient who you are donating to, their insurance always covers the expenses. However, if you would like to make a donation to getting people in the registry you can go to dkmsamericas.org, on the right side "click here to donate money", then for donor drive select Jackson Liss- UNI061. This would be a great way to contribute if you are unable to become a donor yourself!

Q| What can our readers expect to learn from the information session that will take place March 2 at 7pm in Selby?

Jackson's mother will be speaking about his story. I will also go into greater depths about the donation process and have the audience ask ANY questions they may have. Please come out and join the national registry, you can save Jackson's life as well as others! Someone's life may depend on you!

Partying First, Safety Second...No! Wait, Safety First, Partying Second.

BY LIZETTE MARTINEZ
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Partying and breaking free from the confines of college life during spring break is perfectly acceptable. However, it is important that students take the necessary precautions to stay safe.

Many college students will partake in drinking alcoholic beverages over break. However, knowing how to stay safe while drinking is important to keep in mind. It starts with knowing one's personal limitations.

"Staying hydrated is important while drinking. It would be a good idea to switch from alcohol to water every other glass," said Kathy Jones, L.P.N.

It is also pertinent to know the signs of alcohol poisoning. According to collegedrinkingprevention.gov some of the symptoms of alcohol poisoning include "mental confusion, stupor, coma; vomiting; seizures; slow or irregular breathing (eight breaths per minute); and Hypothermia (low body temperature), bluish skin color, paleness." It is also extremely important that alcohol poisoning does not go untreated seeing that it can be fatal.

"Drinking leads to poor choices, such as having sex without protection and drinking and driving," said Terry Dadez, R.N. Staying safe is imperative because Sexually Transmitted Diseases are continuing to spread and many are incurable. "Do not set yourself up for a situation without protection," said Jones.

Students should also keep date rape in mind while consuming large quantities of alcohol. Therefore, if students are going to be drinking, they should be sure to surround themselves with people who can be trusted and will keep an eye on them.

Something that probably comes to everyone's mind when thinking about Spring Break, especially in relation to drinking, is drinking and driving.

"Just please don't do it and then drive," Meahgan Jameyson said. Drinking and driving is a redundant issue that will not be put to rest until more people participate in seeking designated drivers. Designated drivers are vital to student safety as well as the safety of others.

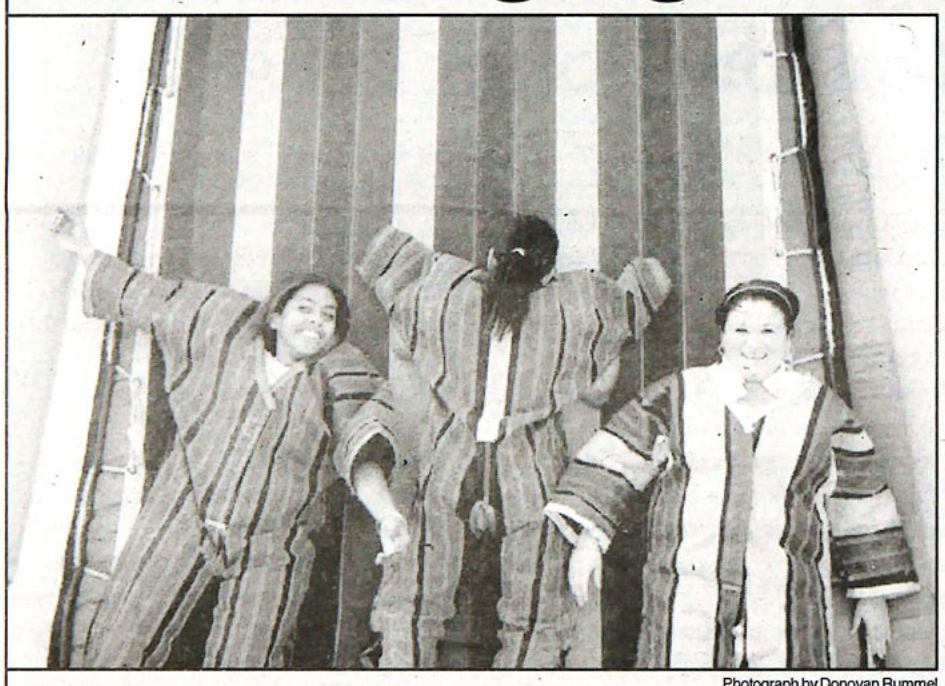
"Students need to be responsible drinkers. They can take turns being designated drivers," Jones and Dadez agreed.

On another note, many students will also be traveling. Whether it be to popular vacations spots or home to see one's family and friends, it is important to always have extra money put aside in case of emergencies. Students should know where one's passport is at all times, be aware of one's surroundings, and "never travel alone," said Dadez. However, seeing that many students will be traveling alone, a student can ensure his or her safety be carrying a bottle of mace or by being sure to keep him or herself surrounded by people. "A stranger is just a friend who hasn't robbed you yet," said Joseph Pless, junior class vice president. While traveling it is important to keep one's belongings close, and be aware of the people around. If it is necessary to talk to strangers, be careful of what is said.

Weather is also something that should be taken into consideration. In parts of the country, especially East Coast, the snowstorms have been creating some issues. Be sure to bundle up and be prepared to be snowed in—buy lots of food and board games. In contrast, some students, like Jameyson may "just go to the beach or lay by the pool for a week straight." In which case, if one gets lucky and the sun happens to be out, do not forget the sun block.

It may also be helpful for the student's safety to watch what he or she eats. "Never trust food if you can't pronounce its name," Pless said.

A few highlights from Leopalooza 2010



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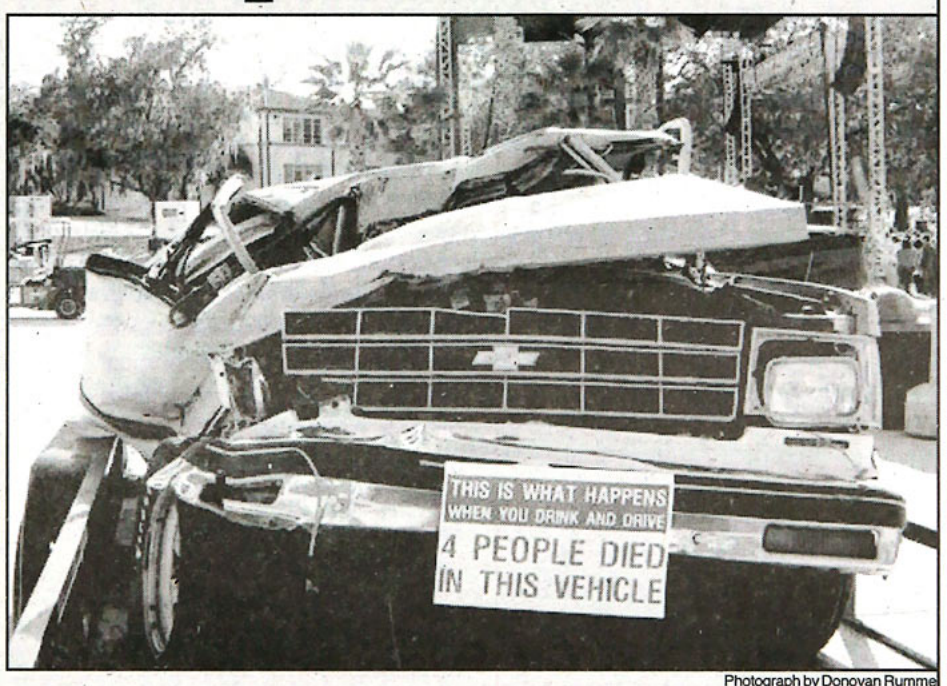
From left to right, Kisseana Ross, Kizzy Kinte and Nia Sticca jump against the velcro wall.



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A wrecked vehicle from a car accident on display to raise awareness for drunk driving.

Project Prom 2010
AST is giving back

BY SUMIRA SALIM
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Project Prom is AST idea to help Pasco High School female students obtain the prom dress of their dreams, for not everyone has the funds to buy a dress.

This idea was contrived by combining all the talents the AST members have. After talking to Pasco High School, they were informed that they were already partnered with the Cinderella Project. However, AST was determined and offered not only to provide a dress to all the girls who applied, but, in addition, they committed to do their hair and makeup on the day of prom at no cost.

It's no surprise that AST got their contract with the school and have already collected almost 200 dresses. The members of AST held a pep rally at Pasco High School to promote their Project Prom with the girls that will be receiving these dresses.

"The pep rally got the girls really excited about the program," said Amanda Cassar, an AST member.

On the agenda now is fittings on April 9th and finally the prom in April 24th.

Though the dress collection ended on March 1st, Saint Leo students who would still like to help in Project Prom may donate money. Contact the members of AST for more information.

Who was Saint Patrick?

BY CHERALYN BARRINGTON
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Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated by many with green clothing, golden coins, and Irish goodies, but who was this mysterious Saint Patrick and what did he do?

Although children all over celebrate Saint Patrick's Day in their schools by wearing green and awaiting a trip from a leprechaun bearing gifts, Saint Patrick's identity remains a mystery to many. According to history.com, rumors have circulated that he banished all snakes from Ireland, however, that is a false tale that has survived many years due to folklore. There is also a rumor that he converted the Irish to Christianity, but there are counterexamples to this. As the story goes, he was a rich, British fellow who was taken hostage by Irish raiders when they ransacked his family's large home and taken to Ireland. In Ireland, he spent six years captive as a lonely shepherd who turned to religion for comfort and peace of mind.

He then experienced what he believed to be a vision from God telling him to leave Ireland, and he escaped by walking almost 200 miles back to Britain (history.com.) Shortly after, he received yet another vision that told him to return to Ireland and minister Christianity to anyone that would listen. He made a big impact on the people of Ireland and began celebrating Easter with a bonfire, which is now an Irish tradition. He also superimposed a sun, a very prominent Irish symbol, into the Christian cross to form the Celtic cross. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 to honor the day of his death.

Today in Ireland, Saint Patrick's Day is viewed as a religious holiday and by law, pubs had to remain closed on this day up until 1995. This ended when the Irish government began a campaign to use Saint Patrick's Day to boost Irish tourism. Each year a celebration concert is held in Dublin that brings close to one million attendees. Still, there are many who celebrate traditionally. Since the holiday falls during Lent, numerous individuals will attend a church service in the morning and celebrate throughout the day after that. They waive the Lenten prohibitions against meat consumption and have a very Irish feast of cabbage and Irish bacon.

In America, Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in a variety of ways. Children excitedly await the arrival of "The Leprechaun," many wear green and have parties, and others celebrate the holiday with various beers and spirits, some of which are dyed green. Due to an assortment of influences, Saint Patrick's Day finds its way into the minds of American children at a young age. Children learn to celebrate the holiday in elementary school when teachers introduce activities relating to it. *The Disney Channel* also plays festive movies such as *The Luck of the Irish*. The "magically delicious" kid-approved *Lucky Charms* prominently displays the Irish "Lucky the Leprechaun" and his "pot of gold." Whether the activities carry on to adulthood or not, Saint Patrick's Day makes its early mark.

"In school, we made these boxes and left them out for the leprechaun, and we left our shoes out and when we came back there were chocolates in the boxes and candy in our shoes, and green on the floor," said eight-year old Matthew Barrington.

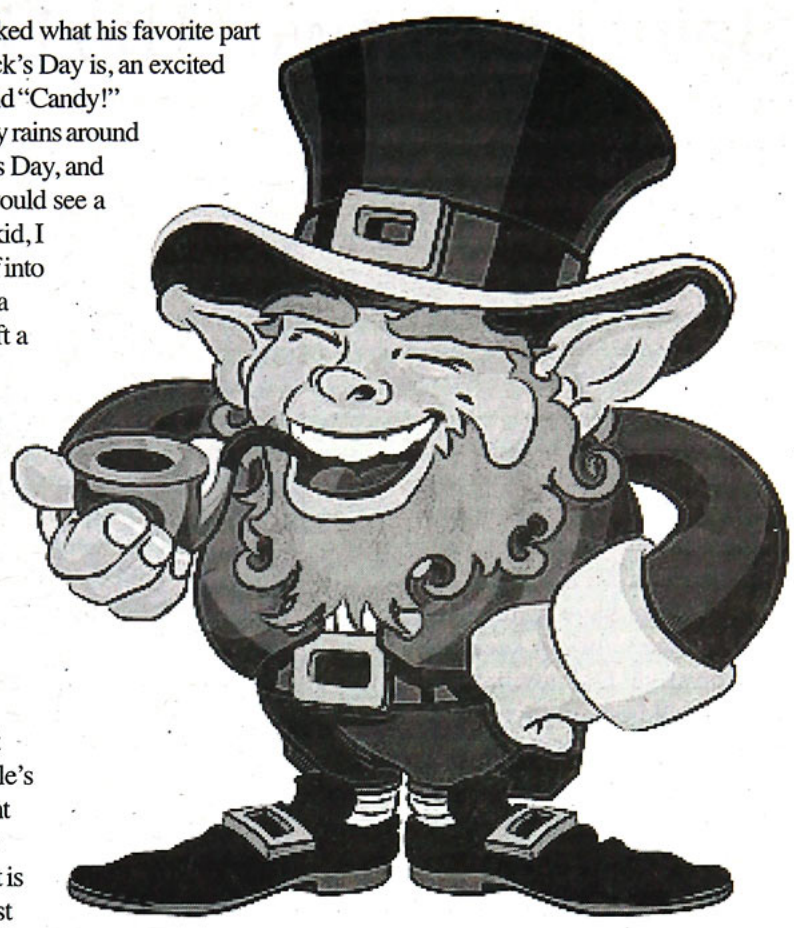
When asked what his favorite part of Saint Patrick's Day is, an excited Barrington said "Candy!"

"It usually rains around Saint Patrick's Day, and whenever I would see a rainbow as a kid, I tricked myself into believing that a leprechaun left a pot of gold and I would be tempted to find the end of the rainbow," said sophomore Carson Holton.

Upon learning about different people's childhood Saint Patrick's Day experiences, it is easy to see just how much of an impact that Leprechaun left. Even after childhood though, many Saint Leo University students still celebrate. Freshman Martha "Marty" Pires has no plans for this year but has celebrated in the past.

"I have attended different parties and dances on Saint Patrick's Day. The parties celebrated Saint Patrick and Irish culture with food and Irish step dancers," said Pires.

"I always dress to the fullest in green. I have every Saint Patrick's Day hat and shirt that's available to me and I even go as far as light-up bow ties. You gotta love your heritage; I mean it's where you came from so why not celebrate it? This year I will be dressing up in my Irish gear and heading to my friend's party," said Irish sophomore Beth Conroy.



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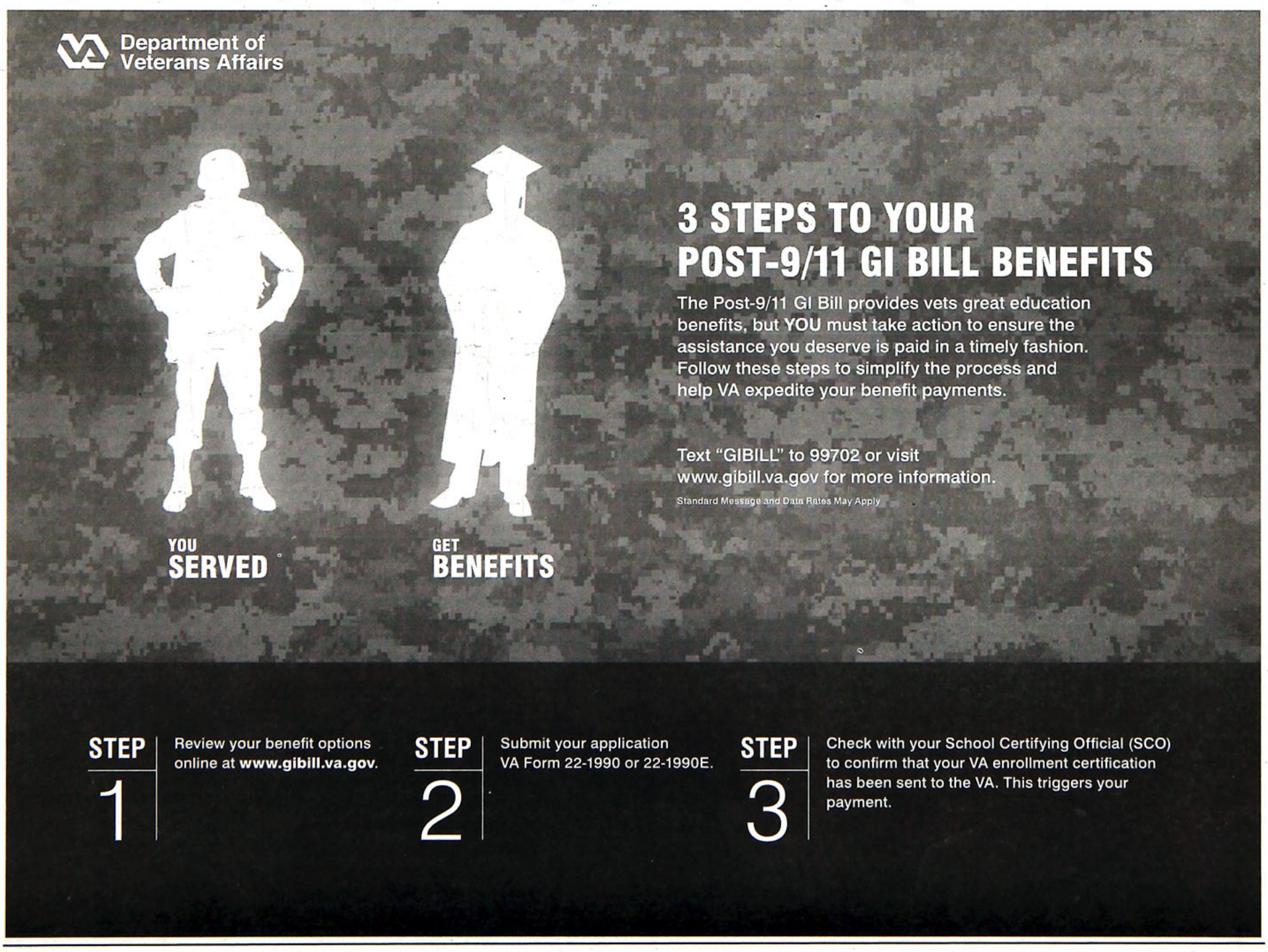
The Irish culture has captivated the American nation for at least one day per year with a sea of green. Whether celebrations consist of lime, emerald, or forest green, this reporter wishes the students of Saint Leo University a spirited and jolly Saint Patrick's Day!



Arts & Entertainment

Saint Leo's own: The UNTouchables

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The UNTouchables giving an intense performance.

Photograph by Jordan Coates

It was as simple as putting pen to paper, words to the microphone, a friendship to a dream, and together expressing themselves through poetry and rhymes to create Saint Leo's original hip hop group, The UNTouchables.

College for most students is packed with school, friendships, work, and athletics. Sometimes in the midst of all of it, personal passions can get lost. Two such students who have walked this campus were able to keep the passion alive. Unknowingly from the same small hometown in Florida and even the same high school, Junior Alex Morrison and Arri Gross met freshman year and they call their meeting fate.

Alex Morrison, also known as Sunshine, has been destined for rapping since his earliest memories. He was surrounded by music all of his life. He also found an interest for athletics. Morrison is currently a member of the Saint Leo Lacrosse team. While playing lacrosse, he has still been able to spend time on his lyrics.

"Despite the commitment to athletics, I never lost the passion for my music," he said.

Ari Gross, also known as 6 Cardinal, has a lifelong fascination with writing and music. He has a passion for poetry and expresses those verses through music. In the summer of 2009, he performed at the National Poetry Slam and has been perfecting his writing ever since.

He publishes his poetry and said, "I still continue to make sure I'm a poet first and a rapper second."

After meeting freshmen year, Morrison and Gross realized their talents would be great combined. They encouraged each other to bring out their best talents. The two created their music in their dorm room- turned studio. Their lyrics are inspired by experiences in their own life and the original beats and poetry of Gross. They have previously made weekly songs for a local club, and in the spring of 2008 they released their first album, "Untouchables V.1." In the spring of 2009, they released the second album "The Attack of the Octopus" and have recently created a four song demo aptly named "The Appetizer."

This year, the UNTouchables have taken an extra step and started performing in local places around Saint Leo. Among other performances, on February 13th the two rapped at Stacks Hookah Lounge. After the relaxing guitar talents of the opening act, the rappers livened up the lounge with their rhythms. The room was packed with Saint Leo students supporting their fellow classmates and friends. The music was flowing, and Morrison and Gross were spreading their enthusiasm through the room as they engaged the crowd with their words. The atmosphere was hyped, and the end of the performance echoed with shouts of an encore. The UNTouchables rapped another final song to end the night.

On the night of March 2, they held another "Untouchables Live" at City's Edge. They performed throughout the night and celebrated with the crowd of friends and fans. Their music attracted a big crowd for a tuesday night out. The rappers had people excited and singing along. The UNTouchables are continuing to develop their talents and are headed and hoping for a bright future in music. They are sharing their original lyrical expression to the Saint Leo community and working toward reaching the rest of the musical world. The duo will continue with their "UNTouchables Live" performances. Events and songs can be found on their U.N.T. (Untouchables) Facebook and Myspace pages.

With all the commitments of college, Morrison and Gross have beat the odds and are making moves as aspiring artists.

As the Saint Leo community most commonly knows him, Sunshine looks back to freshmen year and said "from our early collaboration on a tape recorder in a dorm room, we have created the UNTouchables ; the best original hip hop group Saint Leo University has seen or heard!"

Sublime: Will there be a reunion?

BY NICK MOREO
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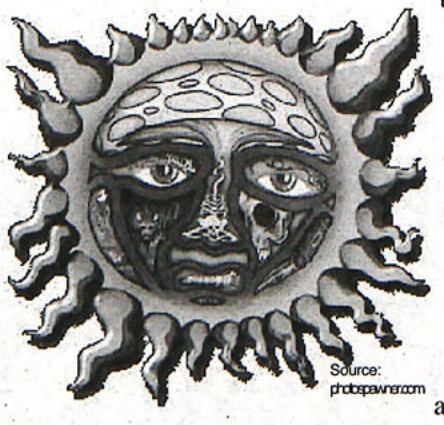
The day of May 25, 1996 was a tragic one in the music industry as 28 year old Bradley Nowell, lead singer of *Sublime*, died of a heroin overdose. Nowell's death was tragic, and came right before the release of their very successful self-titled album. Bradley Nowell was cremated, and his band mates and friends dispersed his ashes on his favorite surf spot. The two other members of Sublime, Eric Wilson and Bud Gaugh, went on to play in other bands.

Now almost 14 years later, Bud and Eric decided it was time for a Sublime reunion. It was very difficult to do this, as the front man and leader of the band had died. Eric Wilson spotted young singer Rome Ramirez and wanted him as the new singer of the band. The band planned to tour under the name *Sublime*, but Nowell registered the trademark under his own name and possessed sole ownership of it. The Nowell family filed a trademark suit against the three, and the band eventually had to settle with *Rome and Sublime*.



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Fans have mixed feelings about the reunion tour. Some believe it is disrespectful to have Rome replace Bradley Nowell.

"I'm surprised the band could replace the legendary Bradley Nowell with a no-name young singer," said junior Alison Luthman.

Others believe that it is a great way to honor the band, and give a younger generation a chance to listen to the songs Nowell wrote.

"I'm glad that the surviving members of *Sublime* are giving the younger generation a chance to hear the amazing words of Bradley Nowell," said sophomore Richy Truncale.

Fans have had to settle for popular *Sublime* cover bands such as *Badfish* and *40 oz. to Freedom*. *Badfish* was nominated for best tribute act in 2008 and continue to be a success among the Sublime fans who say it is all about the music.

"Just live and enjoy the music; that's what Brad would want," said sophomore Adam Herndon.

The tour begins April 20 in Los Angeles. The band will be performing the hit songs from albums *Sublime, Robbin' the Hood*, and *40 oz. to Freedom*. In the end, the *Sublime* fans will decide the fate of this experiment.

Jimi Hendrix is back

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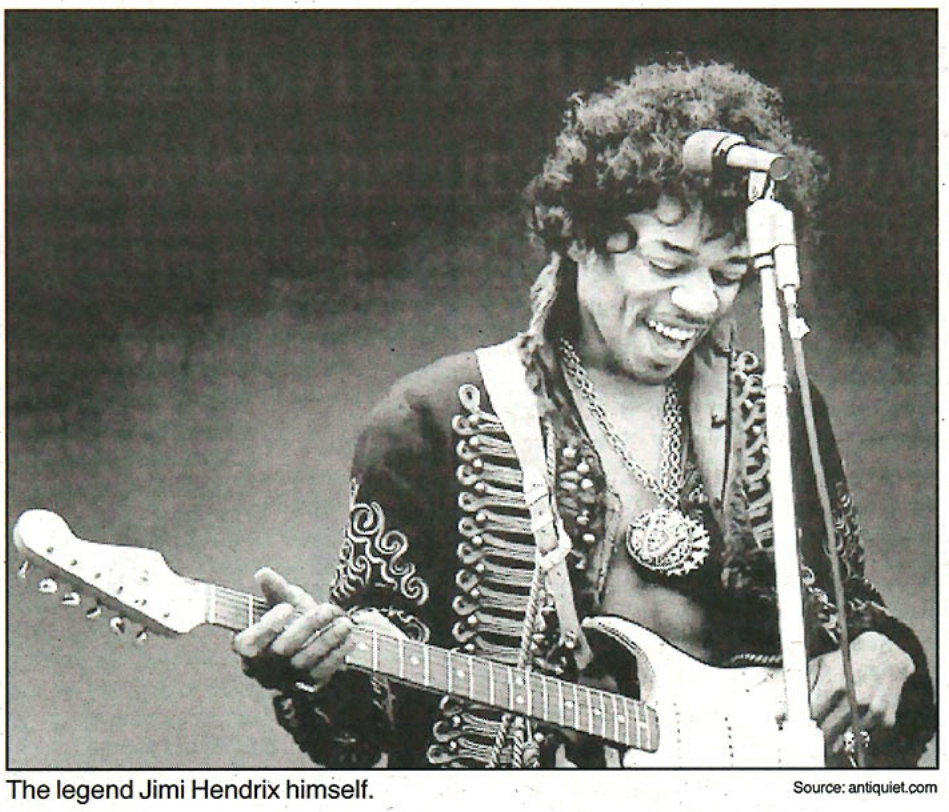
A new studio album by the enigmatic guitarist Jimi Hendrix is soon to be released despite his death in 1970 due to unexplained circumstances.

Valleys of Neptune will be a sequel to the Jimi Hendrix Experience's mind-blowing album *Electric Ladyland,* and will consist of tracks recorded between February and May of 1969. This new album, including 12 never before heard studio recordings, is a must for any Hendrix fan.

Valleys of Neptune becomes available March 9 in the United States and could be one of the best albums of 2010 even though it was recorded 40 years ago.

First on the album is a new extended version of *Stone Free*, which was originally a B- side to Hey Joe. This version is much slower than the original and features new drum fills by Mitch Mitchell. This all new recording shows the potential this amazing guitarist had prior to his death. Next is the title track, *Valleys of Neptune*, which really showcases Hendrix's songwriting talents. Even though there is no real guitar solo, Hendrix used intricate acoustic and electric tradeoffs to supplement his laid back vocal style.

Third on the album is an Elmore James cover, *Bleeding Heart,* which has been released in many different variations, but none of them have the power that this new version does. Featuring the drumming of Rocky Isaac of the *The Cherry People*, Hendrix found his groove between superior drumming and his wah-wah solo. Fourth on the album is the only ever released full band version of *Hear My Train A Comin,'* which lasts over seven minutes, and shows Hendrix's versatility as a guitarist and a vocalist with a blues based background.


The legend Jimi Hendrix himself. Source: antiquiet.com

Next is *Mr. Bad Luck,* which has never been released, but is an earlier version of *Look Over Yonder*. The entire band sounds cohesive in this track even though Mitch Mitchell and Noel Redding changed the rhythm parts 20 years after it was recorded. The seventh song on the album is an all instrumental version of *Cream's* hit *Sunshine of Your Love,* which showcases the vast talents of Hendrix once again reminding listeners that he was taken too soon.

A studio version of *Lover Man* is available for the first time, despite being a staple at Hendrix concerts. This track in particular shows off the relationship between Hendrix and drummer Mitch Mitchell who seem to know when and what the other wants without question. The ninth track on the album is *Ships Passing Through the Night,* which features a weird rhythm guitar sound via Leslie speaker that entices the listener to continue listening.

Next is arguably the greatest performance *The Jimi Hendrix Experience* has ever done of *Fire*. This new version features a cohesive unit performing one of their hits with almost perfect precision. The eleventh song on the album is an eight minute version of *Red House,* which showcases one of Hendrix's biggest hits with an all new longer studio version. Next is the guitar pedal driven *Lullaby for the Summer,* also known as *Ezy Rider* featuring two guitar parts Hendrix used to create some dissonance and a psychedelic feel for the song.

Last on the album is *Crying Blue Rain,* featuring fantastic double stop notes and furious bass notes. Unfortunately, this song sounds much like a demo which detracts from its appeal, but also shows how songs are made. This song shows what could have been and how great he could have been if he had not passed away.

Overall, this is a fantastic album and Hendrix will continue to impact music through time. Compared to the other posthumous releases, *Valleys of Neptune* is much stronger in content and in clarity

The many expressions of Alice in Wonderland

BY MARY F. CHUHINKO
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"If I had a world of my own, everything would be nonsense. Nothing would be what it is because everything would be what it isn't. And contrary-wise; what it is it wouldn't be, and what it wouldn't be, it would," Alice from Walt Disney's *Alice in Wonderland*.

The famous children's book was written by Lewis Carroll after spending many family boating trips with the Lidells. The Lidell's daughter Alice was the inspiration for the title character, Alice.

One year as a Christmas gift, Carroll gave Alice a hand-written and hand-drawn copy of, *Alice and Wonderland*. After reading the small book, the family urged Carroll to publish the book. During the publishing process, Carroll used the artist John Tenniel for the artwork. At the time, Tenniel was better known as a political cartoonist.

Dirk Armstrong, a Curator from the Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Fl came to Saint Leo, Tuesday, March 2, to enlighten the community about the changes that Alice Kingsley has been through over the years. Armstrong focused on each of the twelve chapters in *Alice in Wonderland* and how different artists portrayed them through their work.

"I really enjoyed the program. My brother is an artist, so it was really interesting to see all of the different types of drawings," said junior Betty Smith.

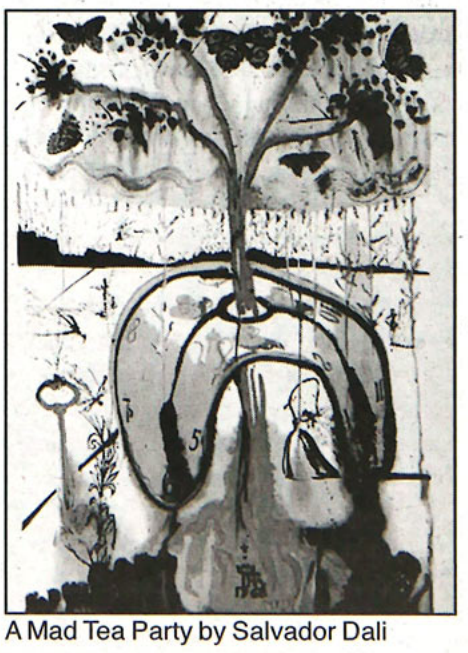
Below are examples of artwork drawn from chapter seven: A Mad Tea Party. These pictures all appeared out of the minds of geniuses. *Alice and Wonderland* has always been a classic story and it is not a surprise that many artists have adapted Carroll's original tale into their own unique styles.

The most recent adaptation being Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland*, starring Johnny Depp as the Mad Hatter, is now in theaters.

Mad Hatter in Tim Burton's "Alice in Wonderland."

Original Art work by John Tenniel

Artwork used in Disney's "Alice in Wonderland."


A Mad Tea Party by Salvador Dali

Sports

Men's lacrosse gets two wins in trip to North Carolina

BY JACOB STOUT
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The Saint Leo men's lacrosse team went 2-1 in three games during a recent road trip to North Carolina. The Lacrosse team played against Wingate University, Queens University, and Catawba College in Wingate, Charlotte, and Salisbury, North Carolina respectively.

On February 24th, the Lions took the win from Wingate by a score of 10-3. Two days later, they traveled to Charlotte but lost a heartbreaker, 10-9, in two overtimes to Queens University. On The 28th, Catawba fell to the Lions 16-5.

In the first game of the road trip, junior Mike Del Buono of the visiting Lions won the opening faceoff, and in just over a minute into the game, senior Cole Sieja put the Lions up 1-0 with his third goal of the season. With a little more than eight minutes to go in the first period, a turnover by senior Frank Keel gave Wingate the ball. They capitalized on their possession and tied the game at one. Less than four minutes later, Keel redeemed himself with his fourth goal of the season on an assist by Sieja to give the Lions a 2-1 lead. A mere two minutes later, Keel scored again on an unassisted goal to give him five for the season. At the end of the first period, the Lions led Wingate 3-1.

Saint Leo continued to put the pressure on and scored the next five goals to go up 8-1. However, Wingate scored the next two goals to cut the lead to 8-3. That was as close as they would get, and the Lions finished off the game with a goal by senior Joe Guerin at the 10 minute mark. Saint Leo came out on the winning end of a 10-3 game.

Saint Leo's second game of the road trip proved to be a much tougher matchup, as the Lions visited Queens University. Senior Kyle Marceau got the scoring started three and half minutes into the game with his first goal of the season. About four minutes later, Sieja connected with a goal to put Saint Leo up 2-0. With less than two minutes to go in the first period, Queens's Brian Masterson cut the lead in half. A goal by Travis Speer with 17 seconds to go tied the game at 2 goals apiece.

Marceau scored his second goal of the game at the 10:42 mark of the second period. The Lions could not pull away though as Queens kept the game within one goal the entire period and tied the score at 5 with under a minute to play before halftime.

A minute into the third period, Queens finally took their first lead of the game at 6-5 on a goal by T.C. Whaley. Sieja and freshman George Proechel scored the next two goals for Saint Leo and the Lions regained the lead at 7-6. Queens continued their pressure and again tied the game with under a minute to play in the period.

#12 Kyle Marceau plays strong for the Lions'
Courtesy of Mike Carlson

The score remained dead-locked until halfway through the fourth period when Miles Kerbein put Queens on top again with his fourth goal of the season. Another goal by Queens gave them the first 2-goal lead of the game since the Lions were ahead 2-0. The Lions stayed in the game and goals by Proechel and Keel tied the score at 9-9 as the fourth period came to a close.

After a scoreless four minutes of the first overtime period, Corey Geroy scored for Queens just over a minute into the second overtime period to seal the victory 10-9.

The Lions came back in their third game of the road trip as they took on Catawba. Senior Luke Baruch scored first for the Lions and Saint Leo poured on the goals taking a 5-1 lead after the first period. Saint Leo did not stop putting on the pressure and were up 10-2 after two periods. After three periods, the Lions held a commanding lead at 16-3. The start of the fourth period saw the Lions let up on the pressure as Catawba managed to score a couple goals to make the final score 16-5. Marceau led the Lions with five goals while sophomore Jake McGuiness and Guerin each recorded two assists.

The Lions have a comfortable home stand over the next few weeks as they play their next six games at University Field in Saint Leo, Florida.

Softball Faces Challenge in Season

BY JESSICA PALL & MINDY PIERCE
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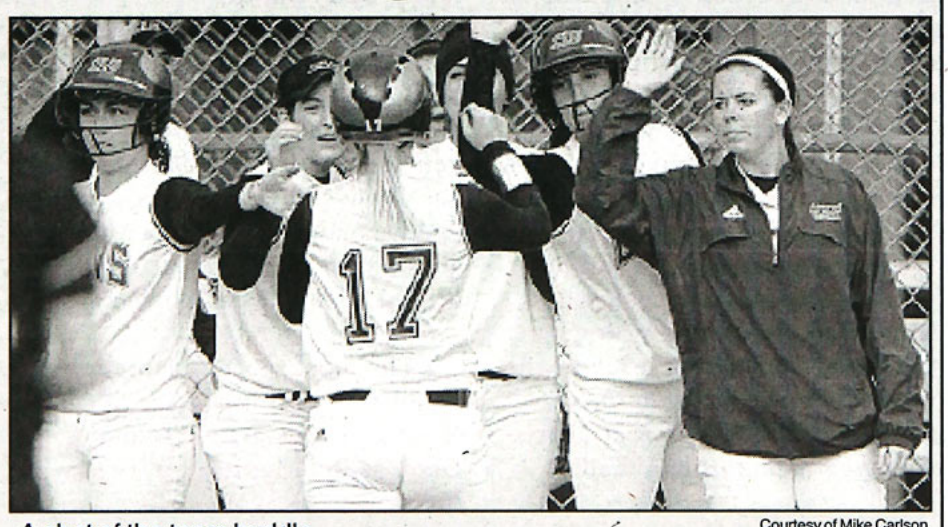
New changes are ahead for Saint Leo's Softball team, who started their season with two opening games against Webber International on February 8, and as of March 5 have won 10 out of 19 games.

Though the Lady Lions have only played one month into their season, they have already had to overcome a tough challenge. On February 21, Head Coach Christi Wade was put on suspension after making racially charged comments to her team, and on March 2 she resigned from both her position as head coach and associate athletic director. Assistant coach Jana Fields stepped up as the intern coach.

A new coach can have major impact on a team's season as the swim team has already discovered.

"I've had many different coaches over the years," Saint Leo swimmer Liz Casey said. "Each coach has taught me something different and affected my career in different way. We had a change of coaches on our swim team last year. This made a significant change in our season, but I believe our team overcame the given adversities."

Wade was starting her 14th year as SLU's softball coach; she had completed 13 seasons. During her tenure as the head softball coach, she had compiled nine winning seasons with an overall record of 433-293 and a .596 winning percentage.


A shot of the team huddle
Courtesy of Mike Carlson

Fields served as assistant softball coach/pitching coach at Saint Leo from 1997 to 2000. She was head coach at Eckerd College from 2000 to 2004. Fields rejoined the Lions in the fall of 2004 and is now managing the team

"Any time you change coaches there is an adjustment period." Director of Athletics Fran Reidy said. "I have confidence that Coach Fields and the players will adjust to this change, come together, and work hard to be very competitive, just as our softball program has always been."

Time will tell how Saint Leo's softball team works through this new change. Neither the coach nor any players returned emails concerning this issue.

However, the team remains strong with four straight wins over Lewis and Dominican College on February 26 and 28 respectively, two wins over Eckerd College on March 3, and a recent loss opener over Lynn that began on March 5.

As of March 12, the Lady Lion's Softball team has 27 scheduled games left, 15 at home and 12 away, until NCAA South Regional's May 14-16.

Senior Spotlight

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Courtesy of Mike Carlson

#11 Baseball Senior Jeff Bloomer from Tampa, FL is a sports business major. Bloomer transferred to Saint Leo after attending and playing for South Florida Community College for two years. After graduating, he plans on working at an internship hopefully with the Minor League Baseball. A left hand pitcher for the Lions, he is currently injured but hopefully can resume playing soon. Bloomer's best achievement during his career at Saint Leo is when he pitched against tough rival University of Tampa, winning the game 13 to 3. The Lions' Pride wishes you the best of luck with your senior year!